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DOCUMENTS

1. *The Siege of Charleston; Journal of Captain Peter Russell, December 25, 1779, to May 2, 1780.*

CAPTAIN PETER RUSSELL, "a remote scion of the Bedford Russells," was born near Cork. From a letter addressed to the Duke of Portland in April, 1799, we learn that he attended the University of Cambridge. Entering the army, on August 18, 1778, he received his commission of captain in the 64th Regiment and was with the expedition sent against Savannah and Charleston in 1779-1780, during which he seems to have kept the following journal. Nothing appears to be known of his career after the termination of the war until his emigration to the newly-formed province of Upper Canada in 1792. Governor Simcoe appointed him a member of the Executive Council, and on Simcoe's return to England, in 1796, he became administrator of the province with the title of President. This position he held until the arrival of General Hunter, in August, 1799. His name is usually associated with the circumstance of the numerous grants of land made by the administrator to the individual. As executive councillor he was entitled to 6000 acres, which he preferred to take in small quantities in different portions of the country. He afterwards filled the position of receiver-general and died at York (Toronto) September 30, 1808. His papers, with all his property, passed into the hands of his sister, Miss Elizabeth Russell, who bequeathed them to Dr. William Warren Baldwin, a young doctor from the same district in the South of Ireland from which she and her brother had emigrated. In his custody and that of his son, the Hon. Robert Baldwin, attorney-general, they remained until the death of the latter in 1858. Shortly after they were burned, with the exception of the longer documents, which were deposited with the Baldwin papers. The executors of the Baldwin estate retained these in safe custody until 1898, when they were deposited in the Public Library, Toronto. The little volume ends abruptly, and so far no continuation has been discovered. As it is marked No. 3, it is evidently one of a series, the earlier parts of which may yet be found.

JAMES BAIN, JR.

December 25th 1779 Embarked at N York in the John, a Horse Transport, with the Commander in Chief, Sir H. Clinton, and his family consisting of Major Crosby, Major Willmousky,¹ Captains Hanger,² S^t George, and Keppel and L^t Col^o Watson, Aides de Camp, and Captains Philips and Russell Ass^t Secretaries. Fell down the same day to the Hook, where the Commander in Chief, Major Crosby and Major Andre³ left us and embarked in the Romulus Man of War.

Dec^r 26th. The whole Fleet, consisting of the Europe, V. Admiral Arbuthnot, Russell Commodore Drake,⁴ Robuste, Raisonable and Defiance Line of Battle, Renown 50, Roebuck and Romulus 44^s, Perseus and Camilla Frigates, Anna Theresa Packet, 57 Transports 3 Ordnance and 3 Engineer Ships, 3 Navy and 7 Army Victualers, and 13 Small Craft with Horses, having on board 1st and 2^d Batt^s of Light Infantry and 1st and 2^d Batt^s of

	Men
Grenadiers, both	2000
4 Battalions Hessian Grenadiers	1600
7 th Foot	} 2000
23. d ^o	
33 ^d d ^o	
63 ^d d ^o	
64 th d ^o	
Artillery	146
17 th Light Dragoons	50
Huynes Regiment of Hessians	500
Detachment of 71 st	150
Yagers	250
Legion mounted and dismounted	400
Fergusons and Hangers Riflemen	350
Guides and Pioniers	120
Total	7584

Generals

Sir H. Clinton, Commander in Chief

Earl Cornwallis, Lieut^t General

Brig^r Gen^l Patterson

Major General Huyn⁵

Major General Kospoth.⁵

Sailed from the Hook about one oclock with a fair wind for the Southward.

¹ Emanuel de Willmousky, major of the Regiment Mirbach, major of brigade in the Hessian corps. [Mr. Bain is not responsible for the annotation of the documents.]

² Afterward Lord Coleraine.

³ The celebrated Major John Andre.

⁴ Afterward Rear-Admiral Sir Francis Samuel Drake.

⁵ Of the Hessian corps.

[The entries for the next thirty-three days, relating to the voyage and the storms encountered, are omitted.]

Jan^y 29th. The Wind came about to the N. E. in the Night, which carried us 7 Knots, fine weather and smooth Sea. in Lat. 32.41 by obs. 60 Sail in Sight The admiral at Noon Shaped his Course for Tybee. Course S. W. by S. Land in Sight on the Starboard Beam. Joined to-day by the Roebuck, Renown, and Blonde. Received Intelligence from the Romulus which She received from a Privateer that 800 Men had been taken Prisoners by the Spaniards in Pensacola.¹ They were commanded by Lieu^t Col^l Dickson of the 16th. Also that the Raleigh and Richmond were arrived on the Coast in their way to New York ; who bring an acc^t that the British Fleet were drove into Port² by the combined Fleets and that a Rebel of the Name of Jones had taken one of our 40 Gun Ships³ and carried her into the Texel. The Admiral brought to with the fleet at 10 at Night, being afraid of running too far in.

Jan^y 30. Calm in the Morning but the Wind afterward sprung up from the West. Two Men of War, The Foy and an armed Ship called the Germain, came into the fleet today. In Lat. 31.51 Received Intelligence that the Rebels have twelve Sail of strong armed Ships and a considerable Body of Troops at Charles Town. Lord Cornwallis landed at Savannah from the Roebuck, who chased a 32 Gun Ship a Shore yesterday, but she got off again. The Renown, Roebuck and Blonde left the fleet this morning to cruise off Charles Town. 61 Sail in Sight. about 9 Leagues off Tybee at noon. at 5 in the Evening the Admiral made the Signal for the fleet to Anchor, but at half after Nine he tacked without Signal which our Ship observed and did the Same, by which we got separated from the rest of the fleet.

Jan^y 31st Wind N. N. W. At ten in the Morn^g light airs and foggy and no Ships in Sight. About noon we saw the Light House of Tybee bearing N. N. W. of us two leagues distant and discovered Several of the fleet to leeward thro the Fog. having no Pilot we are obliged to stand off and on. The Fog continuing we came to an Anchor at 4 in the Afternoon near the Perseus about two leagues N. W. of the Light House. Cap^t Elphinston,⁴ L^t Thomas Clinton &c paid us a Visit to day and informed us that 13 of the Missing Ships were arrived ; including Russell, Roebuck, Reasonable, and Renown. The Crews of the Russell and Roebuck very sickly. The Troops at Savannah in high health ; and 300 Men sent to reinforce the Garrison at St^t Augustine. Col^l Dickson was taken at the Natchez. That the Frigates at Cha^s Town wish to make their Escape but part of our Fleet are ordered to anchor on the Bar and remain until drove off by bad weather. and the large Ships are to water at Beaufort. Cap^t Elphinston gave us a loaf of Sugar.

Feb^y 1st. At half after ten in the Morning we weighed with a few

¹ Read "Baton Rouge." *Remembrancer*, 1780, I. 359-365.

² An exaggeration.

³ The *Serapis*.

⁴ Afterward Admiral Lord Keith.

more transports in comp^y with the Perseus, but the Fog is so thick we cannot see the light House. However by following the Perseus we had the good fortune to get to an Anchor within the Light House at half after 4 in the afternoon. We here found the Vigilant and Several Transports. The Course in is to keep the Light House West and by South and not to shallow your water above three fathom. We were here informed that the Judith Transport foundered on her Voyage and with difficulty the Peoples lives and twenty of the Pontoons were Saved by the Reasonable. Admiral hoisted his flag in the Roebuck

List of Missing Ships.

Elizabeth and Martha	Victualler
Smyrna Galley	Grenadiers
Lord Mulgrave	63. ^d
King George	64. th
Fathers Desire	Victualler
Fidelity	Legion
Elenor	D ^o Cavalry
Ann ¹	Hangers [?] Corps.
Littledale	Q ^r M. G. Depart
Russian Merch. ^a	Ordnance D ^o .
Grey Hound	1 com ^y 63 and Gen ^l
	Pattersons Baggage
Remembrancer	Engineer Departm ^t
	Cap ^t Dunford.

on the 5th of Jan^y The Columbus Rebel Privateer of 20 Guns from Charles Town took the Juno Horse Sloop in the Midst of the fleet, cut the Horses Throats, and after taking Cap^t James of the Legion out,² and making the eleven Men of his Troop give their Parole let the Sloop proceed on her Voyage.

Feb^y 2^d. Remain at anchor. Weather mild but very Foggy. A great many of the Transports with the Roebuck and Romulus came up with the Mornings Tide. The Island of Tybee has a miserable appearance, being a Bank of Sand with a few Trees and no Water. The watering Place is five fathom Hole 14 Miles from the light House. The General went up to Savannah to day in the Romulus's Barge. Our last Morcel of fresh Provisions consumed to day. Sent Whitaker up to Major Crosbie to inform him of the low State of our Stock. Terrible accounts from Savannah of the great Scarcity and high Prices of every thing.

Feb^y 3^d. Being sent for by the Commander in Chief, Cap^t Philips and I went up to Savannah. we were 4 hours and half in rowing up. It is a very broad River with two or three narrow Channels. We passed by Geridoes Plantation (a Bluff about $\frac{1}{2}$ a Mile from the River, to which there is a passage thro' the Marsh by a Causeway) where Col^l Campbell first landed when he came to reduce this province.³ We arrived about six

¹ Probably the *Anna*, the romantic story of whose loss is related by Eelking, II. 63, 64.

² Jacob James, a Loyalist, captain of cavalry in the British Legion.

³ December 29, 1778.

in the Evening and were immediately conducted to M^r Paumiers, the Commissary General,¹ where we lodged and were treated with the utmost Kindness and Hospitality. M^r M^cCulloch the Collector was also very Civil to us.

Feb^y 4th. Remain at Savannah, which we find to be a very disagreeable Sandy Bluff looking over an extensive flat of Rice Grounds. The Houses lie Scattered, and are poorly built mostly of wood—in Short the whole has a most wretched miserable appearance. In Orders as Asst. Secret^y.

Feb^y 5th. Remain. Entered upon General Prevosts acc^{ts}.² It is reported that the Remembrancer has got into Providence. took a Peep at the Works on the Ebenezer Road; the Ditch of the Lines easily to be leapt over, the Abbatis trifling, and the right of the Works may be doubled without Difficulty. Astonish^e how they were defended! I wish we may find no better Works at Charles Town.

Feb^y 6th. Settled the Indian Business both of Col^o Brown³ and M^r. Shaw. Gen^l Prevost to inspect their Acc^{ts} and pay such as he approves of. Impossible to enter into the whole of Gen^l Prevosts acc^{ts} got an abstract from him of the Sums wanting to pay the Subsistence of the Army and the Contingencies amounting to little more than £11,000 M^r Paumier has got a Warrant for £5000 L^d Cathcart⁴ to pay the Bat. and Forage of the Southern Army £8500 and £10000 more will be wanted for the Provincials. Sent away the Baggage.

Feb^y 7th. The Commander in Chief sent for me and after asking me some Questions relative to M^r Elliots Papers, His Excell^y had the Goodness to express a strong desire to serve Cap^t Philips and myself and desired we would consult together and point out to him some Place which we might hold conjointly without interfering with the business under our Charge. Consulted accordingly—and wrote a Letter in Consequence to his Excell^y which I am to deliver on some favorable opportunity. The weather so bad, we could not go down.

Feb^y 8th. Blows hard at N. W. The Commander in Chief set off about ½ After 8 oclock in the Morning, and Philips, Col^o Watson, Major Despard,⁵ Cap^t S^t George and myself set off at Nine in M^r M^cCullochs Boat—arrived on board the John at 12 oClock. We came thro the Cockspur Channel with flood Tide more than half the passage. We had the Pleasure to find that the L^d Mulgrave and a Navy Victualer were arrived but no News of the rest. Lord Cathcarts Warrant for £8500 cancelled.

¹ Peter Paumier, deputy commissary-general.

² Major-General Augustine Prevost, who had in the previous year defended Savannah against the Americans.

³ Presumably Lieut. Col. Thomas Brown, the Tory commander of Augusta.

⁴ Lord Cathcart, now commander of the British Legion, afterward general and ambassador, had in the previous year acted as quartermaster-general of the British forces in America.

⁵ John Despard, captain in the Royal Fusileers, major of the Loyal Americans, and deputy adjutant-general of this expedition.

Feb^y 9th. Commander in Chief, Majors Crosby and André, came on board and the whole fleet got under way at $\frac{1}{2}$ after 12 oclock Noon. a Very fine day. Wind at West. The Russell and Europe joined the fleet. The Perseus got on ground coming over the Bar. The Fleet came to an Anchor at half after four in the Evening about 4 leagues East of Tybee. We left at Savannah L^t Col^o Fergusons Corps of Riflemen¹ and Brig. Gen^l Patterson, who are to be joined by one Battalion of 71st the light Infantry of the Georgian Army, some Provincial Corps and Indians, and the Legion for some particular Service. One Battalion of the 71st is to join this Army. The Vigilant, Gallies and some empty Transports are gone by the inland Navigation to Beaufort. Gave the Command^r in Chief a Summary View of M^r Elliots Papers and a List of such Appointments as may be requisite for him to constitute on his getting Possession of Charles Town. The Part of the Legion which are arrived were landed at Savannah and the rest to join General Patterson as they arrive.

Feb^y 10th The fleet got under Way at half after nine oclock in the Morn^g. The Perseus got afloat and followed us. The King George, a Missing Transport having three Companies of 64th under Major M^r Leroth, joined us this Evening to our great Satisfaction.

February 11th Came to an anchor at one in the morn^g. Weighed, again, at seven in the morning, with the whole Fleet. Captain Moncrief² came on board at 8 oclock and Captain Elphinstone and a Pilot at half after ten. One of our Cruisers appeared to Windward, but we do not know her name. The John led the fleet, consisting of 55 Sail, into North Edisto, where we came to an Anchor about $\frac{1}{2}$ a league from Symmonds Island opposite to a Creek at 12 oclock. Lord Cornwallis, the Admiral &c came on board, and a Disposition was immediately made for landing the Troops. The Army brigaded: British Grenadiers and Light Infantry under Major General Leslie³ Hessian Grenadiers under Major General Kospoth. These two Brigades under Lord Cornwallis. The 7th 23rd 63^d 64th 33^d 71st Yagers and Regiment of Hyn—under L^t Col^o Clark,⁴ L^t Col^o Webster⁵ and Major General Huyn, who has also the Command of this latter Division. Part of the British Grenadiers and light Infantry landed at Six in the Evening. The Commander in Chief with all his Suit except Cap^t Philips Major Willmousky and myself landed along with them. a rainy Evening. The Harbour of North Edisto lies land locked between Symonds and Tuckers Islands opposite a Creek which leads to a Bridge communicating with S^t Johns Island—only 15 feet over the

¹ Lieut. Col. Patrick Ferguson of the 71st Highlanders, killed at King's Mountain in October.

² Captain James Moncrieff of the Royal Engineers, who had charge of the works at Savannah and at Charleston.

³ Major-General the Hon. Alexander Leslie.

⁴ Alured Clarke, lieutenant-colonel of the Seventh Fusileers; afterward conqueror of the Cape of Good Hope, commander-in-chief in India, and field-marshal.

⁵ Lieut. Col. James Webster of the 33d Foot, mortally wounded the next year at Guilford Court House.

Bar. The Harbor very secure about a mile from land to land and good anchorage of 7 fathom. The Roebuck and Perseus did not attempt to come in. The General requires that Philips and I shall take it by Turns to remain in the Ship with the Papers and Money. A Gale of Wind came on this Evening from the North East accompanied with Rain—so that it was lucky we got in as we did. Some of the Troops lost their way in the woods and the Gen^l lay under a Tree in the Rain.

Feb^y 12th The Remainder of the Army and Cavalry landed in the Morning. Wind the same, with a thick Fog and Rain. Cap^t Philips went up in the Whale Boat to Simmonds House with a Bed, Trunk and Canteens belonging to the General. Some more of the Troops lost their Way, tho it was not above three Miles to Symonds House Light Infantry moved to Wilson's House and took post.

Feb^y 13th Wind in the same Quarter but no Rain. Sent up Whitaker and Generals Servants with Liquors Cooking utensils, &c. Two Ships appear in the offing. Six days Provisions for the Army sent to Symonds House also the Waggon of British Regiments and two three Pounders. Rec^d Information from two Inhabitants, White and Remington, that there are 500 Horses, 2000 Horned Cattle and 20000 Sheep on Edisto Island—That the Lively and Ariel are escaped from Charles Town—the Queen of France, Ranger Boston and Confederacy, with two French Frigates remain there,—also that 15 Sail of West India Men had arrived since our fleet appeared off the Coast. A Rebel Continental or Militia Captain taken to day. The General employed reconnoitring S^t Johns Island and the Stono Entrance. Cap^t Elphinstone went off after Nine at Night to examine the Cut between Key Waw and Symonds Islands. Rained in the night Light Infantry took post one Battalion at Chishoms, the other at Fenwicks

Feb^y 14th Sent the Generals black Box by Cap^t Philips. he took up also a Bag of Gold marked 1002 G^s Cap^t Elphinstone returned. A number of the Inhabitants of Edisto Island came to solicit Protection—ordered them to collect the Government Horses and bring them to the landing Wind South East. no Rain Yagers and 33 took post at Stono Ferry.¹

Feb^y 15th Captain Elphinstone went with the flat Boats by the Upper Navigation to Stono Ferry where the army was to meet him. The Scourge Galley accompanied him. Gen^l Leslie arrived in the Packet in 5 days from Tybee, where the Smyrna Galley had arrived under Convoy of a Privateer. The Smyrna Galley parted with the Defiance and Six Ships the 8th Inst. She also reports that the Russia Merchⁿ an Artillery Ship foundered, and ninety of the People Saved. The other Artillery Vessel had been taken by a Rebel Privateer, and 12 Artillery Men taken out, but the Vessel afterwards retaken by the Defiance. Cap^t McKinnon D. Q. M. General received from Edisto Island eight of the Kings Horses. Wind South West and afterwards South East, Rained the greatest part of the day. Army remained in their Encampment.

¹ See Eelking, tr. Stone, pp. 177, 178.

Feb^y 16th Delivered from Edisto eight Horses to a Hessian Serjeant at the landing on Simonds Island, and two more to Serjeant Joel Symond of the Q^r M. General Department Landed at Daniel Jenkins House on Edisto and brought off three Horses from thence and some Indian Corn. A Schooner arrived from Tybee. The Defiance was arrived there with 5 Sail of Vessels. A very fine day Light Infantry crossed over to Stono, as also 7th 33^d. and Yagers and 23^d. General Leslie takes the Command there

Feb^y 17th Wind N. East. The Roebuck Reasonable and Blonde in the offing. The Admiral in the Roebuck came to an anchor off the Harbour. An Officer arrived from him with a Sloop from Providence with 115 Rebel Prisoners permitted to go from thence on their Parole to any part of America promising to send off as many British in Exchange. The Blonde saw the Light House of Charles Town blown up by the Rebels. The Admiral fell in with a Transport having on board some Recruits for the Army which came out with the Iris and another Man of War. She is sent into Tybee, and the Raleigh has been since seen off that Harbour. Captain Elphinstone returned about two this Morning, having effected his Passage through Wadmalaw with the flat Boats to Stono. The 1st Battalion Light Infantry, 7th 23, and 33^d Reg^{ts} with the Jagers passed the ferry yesterday and took Possession of Col^o Maitlands¹ works under the Command of Major General Leslie while the rest of the army except two Battalions moved to Gibbs's under Lord Cornwallis. The Commander in Chief removes to Fenwicks today Five Artillery and Baggage Ships Sailed up to Wadmalaw this afternoon, and the flat and long Boats of the fleet go up this Evening with 8 Days Provision for the Army The Gun Boat and a flat Boat also effected their passage yesterday by Key Waw and up Stono to the ferry without opposition. Sent four more Horses to the Army, the Hessian Guard at the landing having given a Recipe for them. Guard removed from thence this Night Position of the Army 1st Batt. L. I., Jagers, 33^d 7th and 23^d on the Main Side of Stono ferry. 2^d L. I. at Chisholms House. 1st Gren^{rs} at Fenwicks 2^d Gren^{rs} at Gibbs. Hess^{ns} d^o at Wells's. 63 and 64th at Wilsons, and Huynes Reg^t at Simmonds Bridge

Feb^y 18. The Briton arrived here with Col^o Innes Cap^t Robinson and M^r Simsons and Lord Cornwallis's Horses. Ten of the Horses on board were killed on the Voyage thro Necessity received confirmation of the Russia Merch^{ts} an Ordnance Ship having foundered the people on board saved by the Lord Dunmore Privateer and carried to Bermudas. Captain Philips carried up the Chest of Money under my charge, got a return of the 63 Convalescents in the different Ships Sent up more stationary by Cap^t Philips. A Canoe with a Pilot and six hands dispatched to Night thro the inland Navigation to S^t Helena Sound to look after the Gallies expected from Beaufort. Received several compl^{ts} to-day from the Inhabitants of Edisto of the Sailors plundering their Houses and killing and taking away their Cattle I communicated them

¹ Hon. Alexander Maitland, colonel of the 49th Foot.

to the Adju^t. Gen^l. for the Commander in Chiefs Information Received a Letter from Major André, desiring my Opinion of the Number of Cattle and Horses which the Islands of Edisto and Tucker were capable of Supplying, and that the General was not desirous of granting Protections to the Inhabitants, until they gave something more than Negative Proofs of their attachment to Government. fair Weather Army in same Position.

Feb^y 19th Wind North East, hard Gales and Rainy. The Vindictive Galley arrived thro' the Cuts—brings an Acct of the Snake Galley of one Nine Pounder being blown up in the Passage hither by Accident. One Gunners mate and a woman lost by this accid^t the rest of the Crew being on Shore. Captain Elphinstone went up again to Stono. Overhauled the Secretary's Boxes, and discovered that the Duplicates of last Dispatches are left behind. I have them therefore to prepare over again.

Feb^y 20th One Galley and three Schooners came thro' the Cuts and were sent off upon Some Duty. I went on Shore and brought off four horses, one of which I kept the rest I sent by Fred^k Williams of the Carolinians to Major Hay with a Letter. two Negroes, Bristol and Harry accompanied him. L^d Cornwallis's Horses landed. wrote by the Dragoon to Cap^t Philips. Wind N. W. a fine day Galley anchored to day in Wappoo Cut. Huynes Regim^t took post near Wells's. 1st L. I. recrossed Stono and took Post near the Ferry. 2^d L. I. to Fenwicks

Feb^y 21st Hard Gales of Wind from N. E. with heavy Rain. Accounts came from Tybee that the Raleigh, Smyrna Galley Fidelity, Elinor, Greyhound, Elizabeth and Martha, Charming Polly, Gen^l Pattison and Littledale are arrived there and that the Defiance having struck on the North Breakers in attempting to go in has stranded and got 9 feet Water in her hold, and it is expected will be lost. Received a Letter from the General to order the Packet immediately over the Bar and join the Admiral—which I have done but the Weather is so bad the Pilot will not venture to take charge of her. Cap^t Tonkin went to the John and Jeane. M^r Winter went up to the Army with Provisions 1st and 2^d at Fenwicks, where 1st L. I. took Post.

Feb^y 22^d Wind S. E. blows hard and rains. Bo^t of M^r Putnam for the General a firkin of Butter and Box of Candles £11.17 for which I gave my Receipt to be returned when the Money is paid. The Perseus with 18 Sail from Tybee appeared off the Harbour about 5 in the afternoon, but a violent Gale of Wind coming on from the N. West they were blown off again. About Seven Cap^t Pike brought me a Letter from André to tell me the General requested that I would muster with the assistance of Cap^t Tonkin a Sufficient Party to bring off John Short from Key Waw Island and send him to Head Quarters. Army as yesterday.

Feb^y 23^d I accordingly set off at half after nine in the morning with 2 serg^{ts} and 16 Privates in a flat Boat to Simmons's with an Intention of passing the overhaul at high Water and going down Key Waw River with the Ebb, but the strong Westerly Winds had blown the Water so much out of the Cut that I could not pass with the Boats, and when I attempted to go to the ford by land, I found the Waters so out that it was

impracticable to get to the Island that way, I therefore gave up the Matter and brought back my Party to the Beach, leaving the Boat to return the next Tide. A most violent Hurricane the greater part of the day, which drove several of the Transports foul of each other and some of them on Shore, but no material Injury was done to any. 300 L. I. embarked in the Galley.

Feb^y 24th. Blew strong in the Morning from N. W. but moderated towards Evening. The Packet sailed over the bar to join the Admiral. An Orderly Dragoon brought me Dispatches from the General, who desires I will keep his English Dispatches, which are coming by the Perseus, until I see him. A Battalion of light Infantry and another of Grenadiers pushed over to James Island today, and also the heavy Artillery, a Serj^t and 12 of the Pioneers surprised at Stono by the Enemy's Light Horse. Light Infantry landed at Perinos House. B. G.^s crossed at Matthews and landed at Hamilton.

Feb^y 25th. Wind N. E. a fine day. Head Q^{rs} at Perinos Captain Hanger came down from the General to take up his Dispatches brought no letter to me. Sent a Serj^t and 4 Men by Simon's Inlet to Key Waw in quest of Short. Could not hear of any Such person, but found some Salt Works on Middletons Plantation having 50 or 60 Busheis of ready made Salt—informed the Commander in Chief of it, and spoke to Tonkin to send a Boat to bring it off. One Schooner and three Sloops with horses for the Artillery and Q. M. G Department arrived this afternoon between 20 and 30 of them thrown overboard in the last severe Gale. B. Gr.^s took post at the Bridge on the New Cut. Hessⁿ. Gr.^s crossed at Mathews and took post at Hamiltons.

Feb^y 26th. South West, fine Weather. Received a Letter from the Admiral for the Commander in Chief. Explored Tuckers Island, found it without Inhabitants, and saw no living animals there. Some convalescents brought from the Roebuck under a Surgeons Man of the name of Hart. sent them to Jenkins House on Edisto. Directed the Inhabitants of the Island to supply them with fresh Provisions for Payment at a reasonable price. Informed that the fleet were seen in the Offing to the Northward, and that the Admiral intended to conduct them into Stono. Army remains as yesterday.

Feb^y 27th. Hessⁿ. Gr.^s marched to Fort Johnson. Huynes Reg^t crossed to Matthews and the 64th took Ground of Hessⁿ. Gr.^s. The Fathers Desire, a large Army Victualler, got on ground on the N. Breakers but by the Vigilance of Cap^t Tonkin in lightening her she got off again and was brought in. informed by Sir W^m Twisden¹ that General Robertson² is gone into Stono with the Commander in Chiefs Dispatches. he came in the Romulus. The Æolus and fame with 8 Companies of 71st are missing. they had but 4 days Provisions and Water when they sailed from Tybee and have been out seven days. The Rosey, an Ordnance Brig,

¹ A lieutenant in the Royal Fusileers.

² Colonel of the 16th Regiment.

is likewise missing. Dined on board M^r Townsend.¹ Good Weather. Cap^t Hanger returned. The Remembrancer came in to day.

Feb'y 28th Cap^t Elphinstone came down from the army. The Grenadiers and light Infantry with the Commander in Chief took Possession of James Island yesterday without opposition. Whitaker came down to day. Sent a Q^r Cask of Madeira drawn from the Pipe by him, with some fruit from Providence² and Stationary for Cap^t Philips. The Butter and Candles returned to M^r Putnam. A man belonging to the Betsy and Pollys boat killed in her by the Rebels near Stono, and the Gun Boat fired two or three rounds of Grape at about 50 of them hid in the Marsh. They burnt the Andrews long Boat. Two Companies of Grenadiers, one comp^y of 63^d and another of the 71st landed from the Savannah Ships. M^r Winter came down to night with the long Boats. The Gun Boat and three flat Boats coming from Savannah with the Perseus, lost in the last bad weather. 2 Rebel Frigates and a French d^o Cannonaded the Hessⁿ Gr^s Encampment.³ 2 Hessⁿs and 1 Artil^yman wounded 7th and 23^d and Jagers crossed Stono ferry. 100 men left on the Main in 2 Redoubts remainder of 71st landed on Johns Island and joined Col^o Webster. A good day. Dined on board the John and Jean

Feb'y 29th M^r Winter returned to the army with the long boats loaded with the Hessian Waggons and Artillery. Wind N. E. brisk Gale 7th and 23^d Reg^{ts} crossed at Mathews landed at Hamiltons and took post near H^d Q^rs Hessⁿ Gr^s moved their Camp farther back out of the Cannonade.

March 1st Wind South blows hard and rains.

March 2^d Wind N. W. fair day. Captain Elphinstone went round to Stono in the Breton having with him a number of Vessels of light draft loaded with the Engineers and Q^r M. Generals Stores. L^t Gilfinnan⁴ landed his Waggons &c at Simmons. Comet Galley came from Beaufort after trifling away her time near three weeks. ordered to Stono

March 3^d Wind Westerly, fresh Breese and fine day. M^r Winter returned w. the Boats. The John fell down the River, to proceed to sea to Morrow if we can get a Pilot. The Æolus, Fame Rosey &c. arrived Safe in Stono. They had been one day without Provisions and Water. The Defiance entirely lost, and none of her Stores saved except a few 18 Pounds. Comet did not Sail

March 4th Wind East and N. East, a fine day. Could not Stir the Wind being against us. A Fire in Charles Town, and great Fire of small arms and beating of Drums.

March 5th Wind the same, a very fine day. 13 Sail of large Ships in Sight. The Galley went out and came to an anchor at the other Side the Bar. Took a walk as far as Simmons Inlet, near five Miles, over a

¹ Gregory Townshend, assistant commissary-general.

² New Providence (Nassau) in the Bahamas.

³ See Eelking, tr. Stone, p. 178.

⁴ Lieut. Thomas Gilfillan of Russell's own regiment was an assistant deputy quarter-master-general.

fine hard level Beach. Army waiting for intrenching Tools and Heavy Artillery.

March 6th Little Wind, rained heavily great part of the Night and most of the Morn^g. 7th Reg^t crossed from Johns Island and landed on Coles Island. These last five days the Army employed in landing heavy Artillery &c. No part of the army had moved yesterday. The Comet returned into Port last night, which is very extraordinary as she could have got to Stono^o with great Ease. This Night 2 Batt^s of L^t Infantry crossed the Wappoo Bridge on Intelligence that some light Cavalry lay at Church Bridge.¹ The blow prevented by an officers Servant falling in with the Enemy and making a Discovery.

March 7th Wind S. S. W. very hazy. Got under Way in the Morning with 18 Sail but the Weather proved too thick to proceed. we therefore all came back to our old Ground.

March 8th Wind the same, a very fine day. We weighed in the Morning with the other Ships, but the Wind was too scant and we returned. Several very heavy Cannon heard today. The Galley sailed at last. explored Tuckers Island again, and found the Tracks of Horses, Cattle, Hogs and Goats, but saw nothing but one Hog and one Horse. A great deal of Rain in the Night. A Batt. of Gren^s marched this morn^g and met the light Infantry Comm^d in Chief took this Opportun^y to reconnoitre the country. A Detachm^t of 71st Reg^t crossed from Coles Island to L. H. Isl^d with 24 p^{rs} to enable the Admiral to lay Buoys on the Bar which the Rebel Gallies prevented. Remainder of 71st crossed to Light House Island.

March 9th Wind the Same and very foggy in the Morning. did not attempt to go out. Caught a She Goat big with Kid on Tuckers Island, and saw three Horses there. a great deal of Rain in the Night. 4 Companies of Light Inf^y crossed the Wappoo and took post at S^t Andrews Bridge. The Agent alarmed by a report of the Rebels coming from the Main to Edisto Island in quest of Intelligence and with some evil Design agst the Transports. Major General Robinson left H^d Q^{rs} for New York, goes in the Russell 33^d and Jagers crossed to Hamiltons took Possession of the Bridge of New Cut. The post removed from Stono Ferry to day

March 10th Wind S. W. a fine breese and fine day. Went out with the Morning's Tide in Company with 19 Sail and were about 4½ Hours running to our Distance off Stono, the opening bearing exactly N. W. which Course leads you clear of the Breakers. 11 feet over the Bar at dead low Water. Our fleet were at Anchor off the Harbour of Charles Town. saw some of the Rebel Vessels at anchor off the light House Island, and several Shots fired from them and our Ships. Weighed again at four in the Afternoon, and got all safe in between John and James Islands at half after Seven. A Battalion of 71st Regim^t with two 24 Pounders placed on the Light House Island to prevent the Rebel Ships from annoying our Men of War when coming over the Bar of Charles Town. Light Infantry, B. Gr^s 7th 23^d 33^d and Jagers crossed the Wappoo

¹ See Moultrie's *Memoirs*, ed. 1802, II. 57.

Bridge under the command of L^t Gen^l Earl Cornwallis and Major Gen Leslie and took post at Harveys near the Entrance of Wappoo Cut. 64th took post on the ground the B. Gr^s left. 2 Batt^s of Hessⁿ Gr^s took post at Perinos to cover the Provisions, &c.

March 11th Weighed at Seven in the morning and ran up with the Tide to Head Q^{rs} at Hudsons or Perino's near the Entrance of Wappoo. Immediately went on shore to the Commander in Chief. Lord Cornwallis and General Leslie advanced with the British Flank Corps and 7th and 23^d Regiments to the Main, four Miles Beyond Wapoo Bridge. Schooners pushed thro' the Bridge to receive some heavy ordnance and stores intended for a Battery to be built to Night at the mouth of the Creek next Charles Town. Colonels Fox¹ and Balfour² arrived to day in the Richmond from Cork. they left the Convoy consisting of Victuallers and Oat Ships at Tybee. The Russell and Robuste sailed yesterday to New York. a disagreeable rainy day. Wind South East This Night a Batt^y was begun on the P^t near Wappoo Cut at Fenwicks Barn.³ 2 32 P^{drs} and an 8in. Howitzer mounted before day break Some Rebel Gallies and armed Brigs cannonaded the Battery, but obliged to sheer off. Battery finished next day and 4 more 32 p^{rs} mounted.

March 12th Wind S. W. very high. The Battery on the Main Side of Wappoo finished last Night and one 32 Pounder mounted, with which the mouth of the Creek was effectually cleared of Gallies and other armed Vessels. You have a fine View from the Generals door of Charles Town, from the Steeples of which everything transacted at Head Quarters may with a good Telescope be distinctly seen. The large Mortar and some Howitzers sent for from S^t Augustine. 64th took post near Head Q^{rs} Reg^t of Huyne took their Ground,

March 13th Wind N. W. hard Gales in the Morning, but moderate towards Night. landed my Horses. The 63^d Reg^t came over from Gibbs's and took Post near the New Cut Bridge. Major Mecan with 120 Men took Possession of a Redoubt near Fort Johnson.⁴

March 14th Wind N. W. Moderate fine day. Took a walk along Wappoo and had a very good View of Charles Town, Sullivans Island and Fort Johnson. A Battery of two 32 p^{rs} and an 8 Inch Howitzer begun a little to the left of the Battery on the Wappoo Cut. The Rebel Ships Seven in Number, with a Brig and a Galley lye under Fort Moutrie. The Guard of the 7th relieved for a Serg^t and 3 Hessⁿ Grenad^{rs}.

March 15th Wind N W. a little hazy but afterwards cleared up. A Brig with Provisions and Linnens for private Trade arrived from Glasgow. A Man hanged at Charles Town to day, in Sight of our Lines. Army as Yesterday.

¹ Henry Edward, younger brother of Charles James Fox.

² Col. Nisbet Balfour, who executed Hayne.

³ See letter of Lieut.-Col. Laurens to Washington, March 14, 1780, in Sparks, *Corr. Amer. Rev.*, II. 413.

⁴ See DeBrahm's journal in Gibbes, *Documentary History*, III. 124. Thomas Mecan was major in the Royal Welsh Fusileers.

March 16th Wind S. W. Wrote to M^r McCulloch to buy me a Saddle &c. Two men came in from the Rebels of the name of Hart, one of them a Lieu^t the other a Cadet in Ourrys Reg^t of Cavalry.¹ They are both Virginians and have deserted from Bacon Bridge above Dorchester. They report that some deserters are come in from Gen^l Patersons army who left it 4 days ago at Sheldon about forty Miles from Dorchester, that they consist of 1500 Infantry and 200 Cavalry and were marching Northwards, and that the Rebel Cavalry in that Neighborhood in Number 300 were preparing to move off. That the Defences of Charles Town to the land side are well finished and very strong, and that they are constantly at Work on those to the Water. That they have about 3000 fighting men in the Town, of which 1300 are Virginians, who have arrived since we came to the Province, and that we should have taken a good many of their Troops a few days ago when the General made a move if it had not been for one of our officers servants who gave them Intelligence of our approach.

March 17th Wind N. E. blows Strong but fair

March 18th Wind same rains hard. Loyalist arrived from N. York. A Galley, the Germain, and a Schooner with two 18 P^s came over the Bar to day to guard the Buoy. The Wind Shifted to N. W. about two oclock noon. The Baron de Marzerne recommended by Duke Ferdinand arrived at Head Q^{rs}

Mar. 19th Wind N. W. with Rain in the Morning. the Scourge and Viper Gallies passed thro' the Bridge into Wappoo Creek. cleared up about noon and Wind shifted to S. W. Virginia joined the Admiral from N York

March 20th Wind N. E. a high Tide and fair day. The Admiral with 3 two Deckers 4-32 Gun Frigates and 2-20^s passed the Bar of Charles Town about 7 in the Morning.² Cap^t Tonkin the agent, came to H^d Q^{rs} from N. Edisto but brought no Ships with him. The Lady Susan Victualler one of the Iris's Convoy arrived. The Admiral sent the Commander in Chief twelve 24 p^s with 100 Rounds of Ammunition for each Gun. They fired several Shot from Fort Moutrie this Evening at our Shipping.

March 21st Wind N. E. fair day. Earl of Caithness³ arrived in the Virginia accompanied by the Loyalist from N. York with the English Mails for Oct^r Nov. and December arrived there in the Swift Packet. The Severest Winter at N York ever known, North River and the Narrows frozen over for Carriages and the Frost did not break up before the 20th feb^y. The Rebel Reinforcements of 2600 Men for the Southw^d Stopt by the Weather at Trenton, from whence they could not proceed. Great Desertions in M^r Washingtons Army who were with difficulty supplied

¹ Daniel Horry's South Carolina Dragoons, probably.

² So Moultrie, II. 58; Tarleton, p. 10; Admiral Arbuthnot, in Tarleton, p. 48; Samuel Baldwin's diary, *New Jersey Hist. Soc. Proc.*, II. 78. DeBrahm's diary in Gibbes, III. 124, gives the 21st as the date.

³ William Sinclair, tenth earl.

with Provisions, particularly Bread on Acc^t of the Mills being all frozen up. Their Magazine burnt at West Point. Several Prisoners to the amount of 400 taken in different Excursions from N York, where above 5000 of the Citizens embodied and armed themselves for the defence of the Place. The Rebel Ships at Sullivans Island moved to Coopers River except the Queen of France, which got on ground and is expected will be lost.¹ Part of the Transports from Tybee arrived.

March 22^d. Wind S. W. The Admiral, Sir Andrew Hamond² and Cap^t Elphinstone came to Head Quarters. The Hessian Grenadiers marched over Wappoo. a fair day. Light Inf^y 33^d and Jagers took post at the Church Bridge 4 Comps. of L. I. wth a party of Jagers took post in the Church over the Bridge ; 3 Batt^s of Hessⁿ Gren^s took post over the Wappoo Cut on the Ground which the L. I. 33^d and Jagers quitted.

March 23^d. Wind S. E. fair but Cloudy. Two Spies of the name of Winter and Stirling taken to day, having landed last night in New Town Cut in order to get Intelligence. One Scot, was with him but escaped. Three Battalions of Hessian Grenadiers moved yesterday over Wappoo to the Ground of a Battalion of light Infantry, which was advanced a few Miles nearer the Ferry. The Commander in Chief went out very early to reconnoitre Ashley River. The Light Corps made a Move towards Drayton Hall The Commander in Chief reconnoitred the River and Country. the light Corps remained near Drayton Hall.

March 24th. Wind S. W. Cloudy, with Thunder and lightning. The Admiral &c. returned, to five fathom Hole The 71st joined from the light House Island, the Works on which were dismantled. The remainder of the Transports arrived from Edisto. Hard Gale of Wind with Rain and Lightning in the Night A Battⁿ of Hessⁿ Gren^s³ took post at the Church Bridge. Battⁿ of 71st took their Ground. 24 P^{rs} sent from l. House Island to the fleet.

March 25th. Wind N. W., S. W. and S. E. fair day. Cap^t Saunders of the Q. R.⁴ who was sent in the Galley in quest of General Patterson returned and reports that the Savannah Army passed at Jacksons Burrough yesterday at 11 oclock and was to be at Stono Ferry this Evening. That Col^o Tarleton had mounted all his Cavalry, and had cut up a Party of the Rebel Horse the day before yesterday, having killed ten and taken four. That the Rebels had burnt their Galley in the Cuts, and carried the Guns to Charles Town. Cap^t Pike sent on board the Admiral with the Commander in Chiefs Dispatches for New York and Savannah. The Iris and Hydra arrived from Tybee.

March 26th. Wind N. W. blows strong. Gen^l Pattersons Brigade and Lt. Col^o Tarletons Cavalry both from Savannah passed Rantols Bridge from Stono Ferry, where they halted last Night. Cap^t Evans and some officers of the Navy came up with 75 Flat Boats from the Fleet.

¹ Baldwin, II. 78.

² Post-captain ; afterwards governor of Nova Scotia.

³ The Battalion von Linsingen. Eelking, tr. Stone, p. 179.

⁴ Captain John Saunders of the Queen's Rangers, afterward chief-justice of New Brunswick. Sabine, *American Loyalists*, ed. 1847, pp. 593, 594.

March 27th Wind N. and afterwards S. W. The Boats passed to Night by Charles Town to Linings 64 march'd over Wappoo in Possession of the Batteries Huynes Reg^t took their Ground.

March 28th Wind S. E. Hazy. The Botetourt Treasury armed Ship arrived with the Jan^y Mail. British Grenadiers Hessian Grenadiers, 7th 23^d and 71st marched and took post near Drayton Hall. Corps under General Paterson marched from Rantols Bridge, S^o and N^o Carolina Vol^{rs} took post near Linings. Legion mounted and [illegible] near Drayton Hall. Head Q^{rs} changed from Perinaus to Drayton Hall.

March 29th Wind S. E. Foggy morning. The Boats passed from Linings to Drayton Hall about 3 in the Morning. When the Fog cleared away the Troops consisting of the British Genadiers and Light Infantry, Hessian Grenadiers, Jagers 200, 7th, 33^d and two Battalions of 71st embarked, and the whole with the Field Artillery and Horses were passed over to Fullers House about 13 Miles from Charles Town by 3 oclock¹, and immediately marched to Ashley Ferry about five miles Head Quarters being at M^r Bellingers House nine Miles from Charles Town This important event was effected without giving the least Alarm with the Boats, or suffering the least Opposition on our landing or in our March. The 23^d and the Cavalry masked the Roads in the front of the Embarkation, which when completed they fell back to the cross Roads and the Ferry. The Enemy had three Breast Works thrown up on the Causeway lead^s to the Ferry which we demolished as soon as we took possession of the Ground.

March 30th Wind S. E. Hazy, attended with small Rain towards Evening. The Army moved about half after nine in the morning towards Charles Town, in one column, by half Companies an Officer and 30 Jagers advanced, followed by the Commander in Chief, Lord Cornwallis General Leslie and their Suites. Flankers of Jagers on each Side. The remainder of that Corps followed immediately after. Two Battalions of Light Infantry next. Brigade of British Grenadiers followed them and the Hessian Grenadiers brought up the Rear. The 7th 33^d and 71st Regiments formed the Corps de Reserve and covered the Baggage. About a Mile beyond the Governors Gate two miles and half from Charles Town an advanced Picquet of the Enemy fired out of a wood on the left of the Line of March upon the Avant Guard and the General Officers,² when Lord Caithness who attended the General was unfortunately shot thro the Body. The firing growing brisker the Jagers pushed up and spread, and the Light Infantry advanced and formed as fast as they came up. The Enemy immediately fell back but kept up a considerable fire from behind the Trees which was answered from our light Troops. it continued from $\frac{1}{4}$ before twelve oclock to about a quar-

¹ Clinton, in Tarleton, p. 38; Stedman, p. 177; DeBrahm, in Gibbes, III. 124; Baldwin, p. 80; Woodford, Lincoln and Laurens to Washington, in Sparks, *Corr.*, II. 431, 433, 435; Lincoln to Washington, July 17, 1780, in *Charleston Year-Book* for 1897, p. 375.

² Laurens's skirmish; De Brahm, in Gibbes, III. 124.

ter after, when the hottest of the firing Ceased, and gradually died away to an Exchange of Shot at a considerable distance, from the advanced Centries. One Jager only was badly wounded on this Occasion. The army encamped in the Evening in three lines extending from one Side of the Neck to the other. The light Infantry and Jagers the first, about 1600 y^{ds} from the Enemys first line, Brigade of B Grenadiers the 2^d 300 y^{ds} in their rear with H^d Q^{rs} at Williams on their right. The Hessian Grenadiers some distance behind them, and Col^o Webster wth the 7th 33^d. and 71st 2 Bat. formed the 3^d being faced outwards to cover the Camp from an attack from the Country. About $\frac{1}{2}$ after four their Galley had got up and began firing on our left flank, but without any effect being at too great a Distance. about the same time Two Battalions of the Rebels with two field Pieces advanced rapidly from their Works and attacked a little Redoubt in our front occupied by 20 Jagers, who finding themselves not supported and having no bayonets retired with the Loss of two Jagers slightly wounded and one missing (who was afterwards found murdered inhumanly in the Woods) the Enemy were however drove out of the work very soon after by a Six Pounder which was run up from the right for this purpose.

March 31st Wind S. E. hazy and rainy part of the day rest very hot. Employed in getting ashore the artillery and frames for Batteries.

April 1st Wind N. W. A Very strong Gale of Wind in the Night attended with a sharp Frost A very strong working party of 1500 covered by 1500 more pushed out at Sun Set from our left to within 1000 Yards of the enemy's first Line, where three Strong Redoubts were thrown up in the night without Molestation or being perceived by the Rebels, under Cover of the light Infantry who were advanced to within 500 yards of the Enemys works on the Charles Town Road.¹ at day Break they fell back to the Redoubts, where they took post. Some Shots were fired at our Works at daylight, but no other Obstruction was given. The Commander in Chief and General Officers lay all night at the Head of the Reserve.

April 2^d Wind S. W. a fair day. The Rebels pretty quiet to day and by their hurrawing appear to be Dragging up Cannon. British and Hessian Grenadiers in the Trenches to night. Another Redoubt thrown up to the right of the road, but not entirely finished. Several Cannon landed in the Course of the day. Major Grahams² light Infantry passed the Ashley last night and took post near the light Infantry Camp.

April 3^d. Wind N. E. dark and hazy. The Rebels kept up a considerable fire from their Works and one Ship they had brought up Some Negroes came in from Charles Town and Report that the Enemy have received a Reinforcement from N Carolina within these two days, that they lost one Captain a Subaltern and seven privates killed and 30 wounded

¹ Clinton, in Tarleton, p. 39; Stedman, p. 178; Andrew Sherburne, p. 27, 2d ed.; journal in Moultrie, II. 66; Baldwin, p. 81. Lincoln is apparently wrong in putting this a night earlier. Sparks, *Corr.*, II. 433, *Year-Book* for 1897, p. 375.

² Major Charles Graham, of the 42d (Royal Highland) Regiment.

on the 30th ult.^o In the Course of the day the Rebels fired near 300 Shot and 30 small Shells, but did no manner of Injury. It rain'd very hard in the Night. another Redoubt erected on the left of the Parallel within 400 y^{ds} of the Enemy¹

April 4th Wind S. W. in the Morning and N. W. in the Evening. A very heavy Cannonade kept up all the Morn^g against our Redoubts from the Town and two Frigates who moved up the Town Creek to enfilade the Redoubt erected last night by which one man of 33^d was killed, two 24 P^{ds} run to the left, a shot from which taking place in one of their Ships that annoyed us most drove them down the River again, and they came to an Anchor off Hobcaw Ferry. Two Rebel Dragoons came in with their Horses from Goose Creek they belong to Baylors light Horse One officer of the 42^d wounded, two Hessian and one Grenadier of 71st deserted. The Legion Cavalry and Infantry passed over and took post about four Miles in our Rear at the Q^r House Five Redoubts and our communication between the Redoubts strengthened. Battery of five 24^s will be finished to Night My Mare foaled today.

Apr^l 5th Wind N.W. in the Morning, afterwards easterly. The firing not so frequent in the Morning as yesterday, but increased in both Shot and Shells toward evening, when the Gallies advanced from Wappoo and fired into the Town² as did the Battery within the Creek, where the 64th are, which put an immediate Stop to the Enemys Cannon. The Convoy for New York from Tybee appeared off the Harbour and came to an Anchor. Cap^t Collin, 3 Subalterns and 53 of the Royall Artillery, who were saved out of the Russia Merch^a arrived from Bermudas. Lieu^t Grant of the 42nd wounded. A new Redoubt thrown up this night between N^{os} 1 and 2. Two more Grenadiers from 43^d and 7th deserted. The Enemy's two frigates hauled over to the other Side of the Cooper. another Redoubt finished, which completes the first Parallel. The Legion went foraging today.

April 6th. Wind N. W. The Enemy's Batteries were pretty quiet all the morning, but began again about 3 in the afternoon; and fired Shot and Shells the whole Night, whilst we were employed in dragging Cannon to the Battery, in which however we made but a poor Progress on account of the Badness of the Roads.

April 7th. Wind N. W. in the Morning, about noon East and by South. A Reinforcement of Troops came down from Wando to Charleston in two Brigs and 9 Schooners—supposed about 800 men under General Woodford A Feu de Joie fired from their Lines and 3 Huzaas in Consequence.³ Major M^eLeroth reported that his firing the other Night knocked down part of the Work, destroyed many of the platforms, and broke the Carriages of several of his Guns in the Battery at Wappoo.

¹ Baldwin, p. 81; Lincoln, p. 433; De Brahm, p. 125.

² Baldwin, *ibid.*; De Brahm, *ibid.*

³ So Woodford to Washington, in Sparks, *Corr.*, II. 431, and Baldwin, p. 81. This date must be accepted, though the diaries in Moultrie, II. 67, and Gibbes, III. 125, give April 6.

April 8th Wind S. E. dark hazy day and a fresh Breeze. About ten minutes before 4 in the afternoon, about the last of the Ebb, The Admiral in the Roebuck, accompanied by the Richmond the Romulus, Raleigh, Virginia, Blonde Sandwich and Renown, weigh'd and proceeded to Fort Johnson passing within 800 y^{ds} of Fort Moutrie where they have about Twenty 42 Pounders They were just one Hour and 16 Minutes under the fire of Sullivans Island before the Whole passed, without receiving any other damage than the Loss of the Richmonds foretopmast, and 7 killed and 18 wounded in all the Ships. The wind Shifted to the S. W. with Rain in a little time after they came to an Anchor. The Rebels fired but 3 or 4 Shots from the Town towards our Works, whilst our fleet was passing and ceased giving us any further trouble for the rest of the Night, during which we threw up another 10 Gun Battery. 4 more Guns drawn up in the Course of the night. The Æolus Transport got ashore in passing and was burnt.¹

April 9th Wind S. W. fair Day. The Rebels in Town very quiet, not above three Shot fired. Several of their Boats, and some very large observed passing the Cooper loaded with Goods and Passengers. Some say they saw Troops and field artill^y in them, so that we have every reason to fear they are preparing either to evacuate the place or capitulate. The Blonde Raleigh and Sandwich weigh'd from Fort Johnson this morning and took a Position within half Musket Shot of Shutes Folly. The Admiral and Sir Andrew Hammond came to H^d Q^{rs} another Battery erected within 450 yards of the Rebel Lines.

April 10th Wind N. W. fair Day. The Rebels fired but few Shot in the Morning. however a man of the 42^d light Infantry was killed by a Shell in the Trenches. Major Crosbie, the Generals first Aid de Camp, was sent to the Town about Sun Set with a Summons, and after being detained an hour brought back an Answer from Gen^l Lincoln that Duty and Inclination pointed to the propriety of supporting the Town to the last Extremity.² Soon after his Return the firing upon our Works recommenced with some Vigor, but their Guns appear to be only Nine Pounders. We got 14-24 P^{rs} mounted last night, and another Battery thrown up

¹ This helps to fix upon the eighth as the date of this operation, a date about which there have been singular discrepancies. For the eighth we have Captain Russell's diary, that of Samuel Baldwin, in the *Proceedings of the New Jersey Historical Society*, II. 82, Sir Henry Clinton's report in Tarleton, p. 39, the letters of Lincoln and Laurens to Washington, in Sparks, II. 434, 436, the manuscript journals cited by Lowell in his *Hessians*, p. 247, the journal of De Brahm, in Gibbes, III. 125, and the letter of W. Croghan to Michael Gratz, dated April 8, in Gibbes, III. 130. On the other hand Admiral Arbuthnot himself, (in Tarleton, p. 49), Ramsay, II. 51, Tarleton, p. 11, Stedman, p. 180, and Ewald, give the date as April 9. But perhaps none of these was an eye-witness except Arbuthnot. Moultrie in a letter dated April 8, II. 63, and in the journal which he quotes, II. 67, makes the date the seventh. The date April 7 might also be inferred from Woodford's letter to Washington, in Sparks, II. 441; but the context would seem to show that that letter is misdated, and that "yesterday" means the 8th. On the whole the weight of first-hand evidence is for April 8.

² The documents are given in Tarleton, pp. 56-58; in Ramsay, II. 399, 400; and in the *Charleston Year-Book* for 1897, pp. 379, 380.

between Nos 3 and 4. Lieu^t Fitzroy Aid de Camp to Lord Cornwallis was slightly wounded with a Cannon Ball in the Trenches. They have now fired at us above 4000 Shot and Shells from which only two Lives have been lost and about five men wounded. A Deserter came in from Cha^s Town belonging to Woodfords Brigade, about 800. They march'd from Trenton last Christmas and arrived at Charles Town the 7th Inst he says they brought with them 13 or 14 Pieces of Cannon, which are expected every hour under the Escort of 300 Men.

April 11th Wind N. W. in the Morn^g afterwards S. W. The Admiral and Sir Andrew Hamond returned over the Ashley accompanied by the Commander in Chief. Not many Shots fired by the Rebels in the Course of the day. Began second Parallel.

Apr^l 12th Wind N. E. with Rain. The 23^d Regiment crossed to day, and the Mail from England came up from the Dashwood Packet. The Bags had been all opened before it came to H^d Q^r. Two Deserters came in our loss as yet not exceeding 12 Men Killed and wounded Batteries all ready this night.

Apr^l 13th Wind N. E. disagreeably cold. We opened our Batteries consisting of 24 — 24 Pounders several Howitzers mortars and Cohorns from 10 to 5½ Inches the fire from which continued very brisk all day and night.¹ An Artillery Man killed and another wounded by one of our Guns in consequence of carelessness in not stopping the Vent. Col^o Webster with the 33^d Legion mounted and dismounted Detachment of 17th Dragoons. Fergusons Corps and N. Carolina Volunteers marched to Goose Creek Bridge and passed to the other side of Strawberry ferry.² The 64th crossed over to this Side from Linings.

Apr^l 14th Wind N. E. fair day. The Enemys Batteries effectually silenced by our superior fire, and the Jager redoubt pushed so near their Works that not a Man dare shew himself above the Parapet for our Rifles³ the 64th marched to Strawberry. Col^o Tarleton surprised the Enemys Cavalry and took near 220 Horses and 70 Dragoons and Militia, wth above 40 Wagons⁴ The 64th marched to join Col^o Webster at Strawberry our Jagers posted in the advanced work, and kept the Rebel fire pretty well under by firing into the Embrasures and thereby preventing their loading.

Apr^l 15th Wind N. E. fair day. The Rebels have got Sand Bags on their Parapets, which cover their Musquetry⁵ and have opened more Batteries. The 13½ Mortar arrived from S^t Augustine. A very considerable fire of Musquetry from the Rebels all night upon our approaches, which were pushed by Sap from the right and left of our Works to within 250 yards of those of the Enemy ; Our Batteries also expended a great deal of Ammunition.

¹ Diaries in Moultrie, II. 70, and Gibbes, III. 126.

² Tarleton, pp. 15, 16.

³ Baldwin says, under the same date, p. 84, "No mischief has been done by their firing except wounding one man."

⁴ Affair at Monk's Corner, Tarleton, pp. 15-17 ; Stedman, p. 183 ; Ramsay, II. 53, 64.

⁵ See Moultrie, II. 85, second note.

Ap^l 16th Wind N. E. fair day but Cold. A Rebel Galley came up the Cooper and anchored within 1000 Yards of the Hosp^l against which they fired two 24 P^r for several Hours, without doing any other Mischief than wounding a Horse.¹ The Sap pushed very forward both on right and left. Two Deserters came in, who report that the Enemy have had only two Men killed and two Guns dismounted by our Cannon, which after striking their Works pass over them into the Town. The Prisoners and some Wagons arrived from Col^o Webster.

Ap^l 17th Wind N. E. fair day. An Empty 13 Inch Shell thrown into the Town to shew them what we had in our power to do. The Enemy appear to be very busy at Hobcaw, where they had a Battery and some works, as if they were going to abandon it. The Galley remains

Ap^l 18th Wind N. E. Dark cloudy day with Rain at times and very cold. Col^o Balfour marched with 23^d Reg^t to take post at Biggins Bridge in order to communicate with Col^o Webster. The New York Fleet under the Convoy of the Rainbow arrived this morn^g off Charles Town Bar, hav^g on board the 42^d Queens Rangers Prince of Wales Volunteers, Volunteers of Ireland, and the Hessian Regiment of Ditforth, contain^g 2500 Effective men.² Blows hard from N. W with Rain.

Ap^l 19th Wind N. E. a Gale of Wind in the Morning but more moderate in the afternoon at N. W. M^r Gordon arrived with the Dispatches from the York fleet. 3 Men killed and 3 wounded in the Trenches, five Sailors wounded on board the Galley whilst they were joining the Admiral from Wappoo.³ The Rebel Shot from the Town reached as far as Fort Johnson. Our Left Sap pushed to Night within 100 Yards of the Ditch.

Ap^l 20th. Wind N. W. blows strong a Man killed by a Shell and a Jager by a twelve pound Shot. A Deserter came in from the Town who reports that a woman from the Country brought thither a Report that Col^o Webster was within three miles of the Bridge going to Fort Sullivan, and had had a Brush with the Rebels in Christ-church Parish and had taken several Pieces of Cannon. He also says there are two Parties in the Town one for surrendering the Place, the other for effecting the Escape of the Army, who he believes are preparing to go off. very little firing this afternoon from either Side, and scarce any from the Enemy the whole Night. The Sachem of the Creeks arrived at H^d Quarters.

April 21st Wind S. W. fair day moderate. No firing all the morn^g. at 12 oclock a Flag came in from the Enemy, with a Letter from General Lincoln addressed only to the Commander in Chief desiring a Cessation of Hostilities for 6 Hours, and that he was willing to treat for the Surrender of the Town if he could obtain Terms honorable to the Army and Safe to the Inhabitants. The Truce granted for the time asked, and permission asked and given for an Aid de Camp to carry their Pro-

¹ De Brahm, in Gibbes, III. 126.

² Clinton, in Tarleton, p. 41.

³ Baldwin, pp. 85, 86; De Brahm, p. 126.

posals to the Admiral, who returned with Major Crosbie, and after a Consultation held between him, the General and Lord Cornwallis on another Letter from Gen^l Lincoln which arrived at seven in the Evening, an answer was sent by Cap^t S^t George, who brought back Gen^l Lincolns Refusal of the Terms offered.¹ Hostilities therefore recommenced on both Sides about a quarter before eleven at Night. The Anna Theresa Packet arrived to day from the West Indies with news that a Supply of Ammunition from Major Gen^l Vaughan² would be sent under Convoy of the Guadaloupe. began the third Parallel.

April 22^d Wind S. W. fair day. The Admiral &c returned. The Queens Rangers and Vol^{rs} of Ireland came over to this Side. The Keppel Brig returned in seven days from S^t Augustine with 3000 24 p^d Shot. A considerable Fire kept up on both Sides the whole day and Night. Two Men killed by the Rebel Musquetry in the advanced Sap. A Letter arrived from the Admiral. L^t Gov^r Graham³ and M^r M^c Cullogh arrived from Savannah. The Rebels had the Insolence yesterday to ask Liberty for all their Troops to march out of the Town with every Military Honor and retire where they pleased. The French Troops of which there are 900 to be transported to Cape Francois, where also the French Ships should have leave to go to, and the Continental Frigates to the Delaware. The Hospital to be taken Care of at the Kings Expense, and the Inhabitants Secured in their property, which being rejected, they sent a Verbal Message, they would deliver up the Town upon no other Terms, upon which our Batteries immediately opened. 2 Men killed and three Wounded in the Trenches to Night. The 42^d came over to this side.

April 23^d Wind S. W. fair day and very hot. A Letter this Morn^g from Colonel Webster that he was to be at Cain Hoy last night. all was well and everything the General wished accomplished. the Welch Fuzileers to join him Yesterday, but stopped by order until relieved by the Queens Rangers who marched this Morning to the Quarter House and the Volunteers of Ireland, N. York Volunteers and Carolinians pass over the Cooper to Night under Lord Cornwallis, who takes the Command of the whole on that Side, and it is supposed will soon be Master of all the Enemys Communications and means of Escape by Land. Captain Tonkin goes with some armed Vessels to Spinner's Inlet. Two men killed by Musquetry and L^t Freeman of 64th wounded to day. The Sap pushed close to the Ditch, within Sixty Yards of the Enemys Works.

Ap^r 24th Wind S. W. fair day The Rebels made a Sortie this Morning a little before daylight and attacked the left Sap, where they killed some, took one Jager and eight of the Line, and wounded a few more. I fear our Covering Troops were asleep or not so attentive as they ought.⁴

¹ Documents in Moultrie, II. 73-78, and in *Charleston Year-Book* for 1897, pp. 357, 358, 380-383.

² At this time commander-in-chief in the Leeward Islands.

³ John Graham, Loyalist, lieutenant-governor of Georgia.

⁴ Lieut. Col. Henderson's sortie. Moultrie, II. 78, 79; Ramsay, II. 55; Gibbes, III. 127, 132.

General Paterson and 63^d. Reg^t passed over to day. The Admiral sent the General word that at 10 oclock today some Frigates and Gallies would pass into the Cooper. Orders were sent accordingly to the Batteries to fire Shells, red Shot and Carcasses towards the Wharfs of the Town as soon as their Attack began upon our Shipping, but no attempt was made notwithstanding.

Ap^r: 25th Wind S. W. a fair day and very hot. About 1 oclock in the Morn^g a most tremendous Fire of Cannon Shells and Musquetry commenced from the Trenches and the Rebel Works and continued about half an Hour. it proceeded from an Alarm being given by our working Party who were running their Sap to the Ditch, that the Enemy were making a Sortie, but it proceeded no further than their forming behind their first abbatis. an Ensign M^cGregor of the 71st was killed, Cap^t M^c-Cloud of the 42^d was wounded, three killed and 15 wounded on this Occasion. It is feared that our Troops in the right Trenches fired on our working Party, mistaking them upon their hurrawing (which was the Signal they were ordered by Gen^l K^osposh to give on the approach of an Enemy, and retire to their Arms) for the Rebels. The whole Line was under Arms but returned to their Tents about two oclock.¹

April 26th Wind W. S. W. a very hot day. Ensign Cameron of 71st wounded. three Men killed and as many wounded to day. Several Deserters, both soldiers and Townsmen came in. They all agree in reporting that most of the Continental Troops have been withdrawn from Fort Sullivan. The Troops have rec^d orders not to fire Musquetry at Night without particular Orders.

Ap^r: 27th Wind N. E. excessive cold. rained a good deal last night

April 28th Wind N. E. afterwards S. E. fair day, but cold in the Morning. Rec^d an Acc^t from the Admiral that Lord Cornwallis appeared on M^t Pleasant the Morning of the 26th.² when the Rebels abandoned a little Work there, where they had one eighteen Pounder. that his Lordship afterwards reconnoitred Lampreys, but thought it too strong to be carried by a Coup de Main, and he accordingly marched towards Wapataw at one in the Morning. The Admiral therefore yesterday Evening landed about 500 Sailors and Marines with an Intention of throwing up a work upon Mount Pleasant, but his Guard Boats having in the Night taken a Schooner with about 80 French and Continental Troops, part of the Garrison at Lampries, who informed him that the Rebels were retiring from that Post, This Marine Detachment marched thither this morning and finding the Works abandoned took Possession of them. They found there 4—18 p^{rs} and four 4 p^{rs} and about 50 Convalescents in the Hospital. We therefore had the Pleasure to see the British flag flying there about three in the afternoon. Our Troops employed in Completing the third Parallel and advancing Cannon into the Batteries of it.

April 29th Wind S. E. blows fresh, but nothing attempted to come

¹ An explanation is to be found in Moultrie, II. 79, 82.

² Or afternoon of the 25th, Moultrie, II. 79.

into the Cooper. One of the Gallies, the Comet, got on ground yesterday in the Hog Island Channel and was sunk by the Rebel Shot from a field Piece which the Rebels run out to M^t Pleasant from Sullivans Island after Lord Cornwallis had left it.

Ap^t 30th Wind S by W. blows excessive hard. five Sailors deserted to us from a Rebel Galley. Some Men killed and wounded to day. No Move of the ships yet. Third Parallel finished.

May 1st Wind S by W. very high. 2 Bucks County, 2 Legion and 1 Pioneer who had been Prisoners in Charles Town, deserted from thence this Morning by Swim^g. a five Gun Battery close to the Ditch and opposite to the Gate finished this evening. The Guns all up, one mounted, and the rest ready. The Ditch drained to Night, and the left Sap carried into the Ditch. Ferguson's Corps took Possession of Lamprieres. The Rebels fired a great deal in the Beginning of the Night, and they frequently fire ragged Pieces of Iron, broken Bottles &c. old Axes, Gun Barrels, Tomaw Hawks &c. A Prize Sloop fitted up at the Ship Yard with 2 eighteen P^{rs} and four 4 P^{rs} under the Command of M^t Buchanan of the Perseus. No Move of the Ships yet, and I fancy the Admiral has given over all thoughts of entering the Cooper.

May 2^d Wind W. by S. blows fresh. a great deal of firing all day and part of the Night from the Rebel Batteries. some Deserters came in. The 64th ordered from Lord Cornwallis to this Side, and part of them crossed to night from Scots.

May 3^d Wind S. W. very hot. The remainder of the 64th came over.